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OFFICIAL NOTICES AND WANTS

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Society was held at its offices in Erie, Pa., on the 14th day of August, 1928, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., when members were present from Ohio and Pennsylvania, and proxies were filed from Kansas, Indiana, Missouri, Texas, California, Virginia, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, and other places. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Luckie, and Mr. J. E. Reed acted as secretary. Seventy-five members have been inducted, representing 28 states. A very considerable amount of correspondence has been handled by the corresponding secretary, entirely at her own expense in time and money; a new series of blanks has been designed, printed and circulated to the members to obtain the collateral lines of relationships, hoping that through this data, when furnished, additional clues to otherwise obscure lines or links, may be secured. Much of this additional data is yet to be furnished the society. All members are urged to prepare at once and send their blanks in to the Treasurer, who will record them and then forward them to this office for filing purposes.

Mrs. Shumaker, who was present from Indiana, Pa., was fully alive to the need shown of our members securing additional Blairs for new members and for subscribers to our magazine. Much real and useful work for the membership must wait for additional funds to pay for having it done. The great work of sorting, listing, indexing, charting and systemizing our documents, letters, genealogical lists, charts, copies of old records, of wills, and other data, must await additional funds to have it done. The income to date has not wholly paid the expenses of the society for stationery, postage, printing the magazine, engraving its cuts, etc.; and at least \$150.00 is needed to have an experienced person install a system of records, sort and chart them for practical use, and have them indexed for ready reference. A lady of much experience has offered to do this work for us for that sum so far as she can accomplish it in six weeks time, without removing the records from Erie.

The Genealogical Secretary reported very substantial progress in the work of indexing the published numbers of the magazine, which, when brought up to date, will be a real help in checking up published data. A little later it will be printed as a supplement to the regular issue of the magazine. This indexing has not been so easy or speedy as might be supposed.

The great poem, "The Grave," written by the celebrated Scotchman, Rev. ROBERT BLAIR, has been printed by Washington and Jefferson College for use as a textbook in their regular curriculum. This great work ranks as one of the great masterpieces in English literature. A copy of it should be in the library of every BLAIR, however descended; and the Society wishes to have it printed for circulation. When the sum of \$90.00 has been assured, it will be printed on good paper, with a cut of the good doctor who wrote it, and with a short biography of his life. All who are interested, and who will help to raise this fund, are invited to write the editor at once.

We learn that the Baptismal Font used in the Jamestown, Va., Church on the occasion of the baptism of Pocahontas, is now in Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, Va., another interesting feature to be seen in the ancient capital of Virginia.

A few more portraits of our members have been received, and, judging from the handsome looks of those we have had the privilege of seeing, we wonder why all of our members do not file their photographs with their records at this office.

Mrs. Andrews, one of our Member-searchers, is planning a trip through the south to collect tomb-stone inscriptions, court records, copies of ancient wills, pictures of former BLAIRS and their homes, Bible Records, and any other data useful to the Society. This is a suggestion for any other of our Members when planning an outing, a vacation trip, or other tour, to include localities abounding in such data.

We want any and all stories, pictures, and descriptive matter about the Scotch and Irish homes of our BLAIR progenitors. What have you for us? And now can't you secure us some new memberships? You know we lose members from time to time, and new ones must be added to keep up our numbers.

The former Board of Trustees were elected at the last meeting; and they have re-elected the same officers and searchers for another year.

Miss MARY ANNE BLAIR, Nabb, Indiana, was the fortunate winner of the prize offered for the longest list of eligible BLAIR addresses. Several others also sent in valuable lists, for which we are grateful.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

(Continued from page Ninety, Vol. 1, No. 6.)

73. Mrs. MARY E. BLAIR POPE, 136 S. Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Active
74. Mrs. SARA ELIZABETH CASE, 1145 N. Lawrence Ave., Wichita, Kan. Active
75. Rev. FREDERICK HOWES BLAIR, 1800 Milan Ave., S. Pasadena, Calif. Life
76. Mrs. MYRTLE BLAIR MOTLEY, Chatham, Virginia Active
77. MRS. WILLABELLE ROYCE EWING, Jasper, via Monte Vista, Colorado Life
78. WOODBURY BLAIR, Esq., Hibbs Building, Washington, D. C. Active

BLAIRIANA. MISCELLANEOUS DATA

"I trace thy tale to the dim point where records fail."—Anon.

BLAIR-ANDERSON.

Communicants of Monumental Church, 1841:

Mrs. Franklin Anderson,
Mrs. Richard Anderson,
Mrs. ARCHIBALD BLAIR,

Mr. William Anderson, Jr.,
Mrs. John Minor Botts (Bolls?)
Mrs. BEVERLY BLAIR,

Communicants 1820, prepared by Rev. Robert Cross, and revised in 1859:

Mrs. ARCHIBALD BLAIR,

Mrs. BEVERLY BLAIR.

Mrs. JOHN BLAIR, (afterwards Mrs. Richard Anderson).

Mrs. MARY BLAIR,

Mrs. John Minor Botts (Bolls?)

Deeds of Record in Hushing Court of Sale of Pews in Monumental Church, shows that Pew No. 30 sold for \$380.00, and No. 72 for \$175.00, were bought by Richard Anderson; and No. 73 for \$175.00 by JOHN G. BLAIR; No. 46 was sold to Leroy Anderson for \$85.00. From Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, XXXVI, No. 1, Jan. 1928. Contributed by William McFarland Jones.

Mrs. LUCY BLAIR, widow of the late Dr. J. T. BLAIR, died at the old BLAIR homestead Friday morning, May 20, 1926, at four o'clock, following a protracted illness. She was born in Blount County, near Louisville, May 8, 1846, and spent most of her life in Loudon County, and died in Loudon, Tennessee. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She is survived by two sons, DOUGLAS BLAIR, of Le Tuna, Texas, and a son of her first marriage, George Osborne; and by four daughters, Mrs. J. H. Loyd, Mrs. C. E. Wagoner, Misses LUCY and MARTHA BLAIR, all of Loudon, Tennessee.

Dr. SAMUEL C. BLAIR, of Philadelphia (now deceased), wrote Dr. E. M. H. Moore on April 10, 1914:—"My father's name was WILLIAM BLAIR. My grandmother's name was Christy. My mother's name was Collins. Our folks came from County Down near Armagh or Derry. My grandfather (WM. BLAIR), had a brother JOHN, and one named DAVID BLAIR (Westmoreland Co., Pa.), and a sister in the same county, Mrs. Andrew Hamilton. They took land-grants all underlaid with coal and gas—three layers of bituminous coal—and hence were made rich by it. The other branch made BLAIR County, Hollidaysburg, Carlisle, etc.

Dr. Pollard writes us "You will be interested to know that the old BLAIR HOUSE was acquired and restored at a total investment of about \$11,000.00. We still owe about \$5,000.00. I hope you will soon be coming this way so that you may see the many monuments to the good work of the BLAIR FAMILY in this section."

The New York Telegram, of March 10, 1928, carries a news item about a Mrs. Petruska BLAIR, who is said to have abandoned her little ten-months old baby, MARTHA ROBERTA BLAIR, at the Earleton Hotel, in New York. The baby's nurse, Alma Gocs, is devoted to the baby and refuses to give her up. The mother claimed that by a former marriage she was Baroness von Goshen, and that she was now the wife of a Hollywood motion picture director.

General Pershing awarded distinguished service crosses posthumously to (amongst others), Private JOSEPH R. BLAIR, infantry, 82 State Road, North Adams, Mass.; "During the action of April 12, 1918, he displayed exceptional coolness and devotion to duty in declining to seek cover during a bombardment and continued at his post in an exposed condition awaiting the attack of the enemy. Killed in action."

Mr. Thomas Evans, of Hartford, Kansas, furnished the following BLAIR data for Mrs. Dr. Moore's files:

"JAMES BLAIR, of Fayette County, Pa., married a Miss Laughlin. To this union were born the following sons: ADAM, ROBERT, WILLIAM, ALEXANDER and DAVID WILSON. All of these sons died in Fayette County, Pa., except DAVID WILSON."

"ALEXANDER BLAIR married Rachel Lynch in Fayette County, Pa. about 1831 or 32. Children born to this union were: JOHN L., 1833; SARAH JANE, 1837; and MARGARET, about 1842. Other children born to them died in infancy."

"JOHN L. BLAIR came to Atchison County Kansas, 1858, married Amanda Meeker in 1863, died in Doniphan County, Kansas, 1891. To this union were born: MAMIE, 1864; ALEXANDER, 1867; KATE, 1868."

"SARAH JANE BLAIR (1837) died 1915, unmarried."

"MAMIE BLAIR (1864) married James Hunter (1887) in Doniphan County, Kansas. To this union were born: KATIE, 1889; died 1904; JOHN 1891, lives in Doniphan County; ANNA, 1896."

"ALEXANDER BLAIR (1867) married Ella Scott in Brown County, Kansas in 1888. He lives in Atchison, Kansas. Children born to this union are: CHARLES S., 1889; JOHN L. 1891; VEDA, 1893; LOTTIE, 1894; MAMIE, 1900; ALEXANDER and ELLSWORTH (twins), 1903."

"KATE BLAIR (1868) married Thomas Evans in Brown County, Kansas in 1900. Lived at Hartford, Lyons County, Kansas. To this union were born; MARY FRANCES, 1901; JOHN BLAIR, 1903, died 1907."

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From Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, March, 1926, Vol. IX. No. 3.

300. Cumberland County, Penna., Marriages, 1761-1800.

BLAIR-HUNTER. Oct. 23, 1792, by Rev. Samuel Wilson. — BLAIR to — Hunter. (No first name given.)

BLAIR-HALL. May 11, 1795, by Rev. Robert Davidson. JOHN BLAIR, son of RANDEL BLAIR, to Isabella Hall.

BIBLE RECORDS. "Wait's Bible." in possession of Rev. Joseph Brown Turner, Port Deposit, Md., printed at Edinburgh by Mark and Charles Kerr, His Majesty's Printers, MDCCXCIII.

JOHN BLAIR and Sarah his wife were married March 31st, 1760.

JOSEPH, son of JOHN BLAIR and Sarah his wife, was born December 16, 1762.

SAMUEL, son of JOHN BLAIR and Sarah his wife, was born May 16, 1765.

JOHN, son of JOHN BLAIR and Sarah his wife, was born November 16, 1766.

(NOTE: All born on the 16th day of the months).

A footnote says: Daniel Hibberd, member of the Chester Meeting of Friends, Penna., married out of Meeting in 1733. His wife's name is unknown. He died intestate in 1757. His daughter, SARAH HIBBERD, married first, JOHN BLAIR, who died between 1766 and 1768-9.

Sarah Hibberd Blair married, second, before 1770, John Waits, and removed to Westmoreland County, Penna., (part now in Fayette). He removed to Washington County, Pa., where he died in 1782. Sarah Waits died 1810. Her will of January 9, 1808, probated April 25, 1810, is on record in Washington County.

According to tradition the three sons of Sarah (Hibberd) BLAIR, by her first marriage, namely, JOSEPH, SAMUEL, and JOHN BLAIR, went to Kentucky at a date not known, possibly about 1784, at which time a BLAIR COLONY migrated to Bourbon County.—(End of Extract).

Note: There were Randel BLAIRS in Harrison Co., Ohio. Also in Pennsylvania perhaps.

297. CUMBERLAND COUNTY Marriages, from the collection of J. Zeamer. Contracted before 1800.

BLAIR-McCLELLAN. Dec. 8, 1762, THOMAS BLAIR to Susanna McClellan. Bondsman: William Allison. Witnesses: Hermanus Alricks, Samuel Holmes.—Contributed by Mrs. E. B. Wall.

AMERICAN LOYALISTS in the American Revolution: Of Massachusetts: WILLIAM BLAIR, of Boston. A Protester against the Whigs and one of the Addressers of Hutchinson.

JOHN BLAIR, of Boston. Embarked with the Royal Army for Halifax in 1776; returned to the United States but at the peace went to Shelburne, Nova Scotia, with his family of five, and three servants, where the Crown granted him 50 acres of land, one town, and one water lot; lost five hundred pounds in consequence of his loyalty.

ROBERT BLAIR, of Boston. Proscribed and banished in 1778.

Of Virginia: GEORGE BLAIR, escaped to North Carolina in 1776; was apprehended and confined in jail but finally sent home by the Provisional Congress under guard.

Of South Carolina: ROBERT BLAIR, held commission under the Crown; after the surrender of Charleston his property was confiscated.—From Mrs. E. B. W.

Mr. KENNETH E. BLAIR, Superintendent of the Erie Forge and Steel Co., of Erie, Pa., son of Rev. JOHN J. BLAIR, of Wallingford, Conn., and Mrs. ANNE (BLAIR) Hines, of Wallingford, Conn., his sister, are the beneficiaries under the will of their father, who died a short time ago at Wallingford following a long illness. Rev. JOHN J. BLAIR was for many years the pastor of the Congregational Church at Wallingford, but had retired for several years past, and is said to have died wealthy. Sundry other bequests made in his will will amount to \$16,000.00. The will was drawn January 8, 1923.—Erie Dispatch.

Notes from the Virginia Gazette: "1787, Nov. 15. Mr. Henry Heth and Miss NANCY BLAIR. Both of this state."—Tyler's Quarterly, Jan. 1928, page 213.

Oriental Mystery blends with the many mysteries of the Alamo. In the courtyard of the shrine of Texas independence stands a granite slab, covered with Japanese ideographs and dedicated to the heroes of the Alamo. On the back, in English, is this inscription:—"Stone from the native province of Suneemon Torili, the Bonham of Japan. In the province is Nagashimo, the Alamo of Japan."

No one here has been able to find an account of the battle of Nagashimo. Suneemon Torili, so far as can be learned, was one of the heroes of the civil war which overthrew the Tokuwara shogunate of Japan. It is supposed that the defenders in the battle of Nagashimo were wiped out to a man, like the defenders of the Alamo, and of Thermopylae.—G. E. Bolton, in Ind. Oil and Financial Reporter.

In a letter from GERTRUDE BLAIR, Box 132, r. d. 2, Seattle, Washington, to Mrs. E. B. Wall, Feb. 13, 1921, she writes: "Now please be sufficiently impressed first with this fact: We and the friend concerned have no use whatever for Spiritualism or any of its claims, and never will have She had this dream:

She saw a great crowd of people in a cloudy atmosphere. Prominent among them was an old man who came and held up before her a legal document at the top of which appeared the name "EUGENE ELMER BLAIR." At this point, she said to me, "Your Daddy appeared and tapped me on the arm, and pointing to the name said to me: "Do you get that name? Do I make you understand?"

She said with that they were all gone; but, she added, "your Daddy looked so well and fine and he had on a blue suit." And we had laid him away in a blue suit. I said to her that there was a missing grandfather or great-grandfather, in the family records. "Well," she said, "that must be his name, and you'll find it out some time. If you had been a psychic as I am you could have received the message instead of me." She did not recall at all that father was interested in genealogy We are taking this at its face value only, and you can do the same.—GERTRUDE BLAIR, daughter of RUFUS LORIMER BLAIR.

JOHN M. BLAIR, president of the BLAIR Construction Company, on Oct. 16, 1926, at Detroit, Mich., answered the bribery and fraud charges of the Ford Motor Company in a cross bill asking \$2,000,000 damages and charging that the Ford company's allegation grew out of an attempt to escape payment of a legitimate bill.—New York Times.

Dr. FRANCIS G. BLAIR, Illinois State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said in an address before the National Education Association, of which he was the newly elected president; "The Civil War was fought to see whether the words 'all men' in our Declaration of Independence embraced the negro. For fifty years afterward there was warfare to see if 'all men' included women too. Now we are fighting to determine whether the American boy and girl are among the 'all men' who should enjoy the inalienable rights in the minds of the framers of the Declaration." Doctor, that is a truly BLAIR sentiment, admirably expressed.

Mrs. Fred Harvey, wife of Fred Harvey of the Fred Harvey Hotel System in the southwest, died very suddenly while on a vacation trip through Arizona, and was buried from her home in Kansas City, Mo. She was 59 years of age, had been married 37 years, was the daughter of the late General BLAIR, and a daughter, Miss Katherine Harvey, and a son, Frederick Harvey, besides her husband, survive her.—News Clippings.

We are all familiar with the story of POCAHONTAS, at the age of thirteen, saving the life of Captain John Smith, and know she was a daughter of Powhattan, "The Indian Chief." He had three daughters, and POCAHONTAS was his favorite.

POCAHONTAS, born in Va., about 1595, at the age of nineteen married Thomas Rolfe (called John), April 1614. He was a young widower, his first wife and an only child, a baby girl, having died before 1613. When POCAHONTAS married she became a member of the church; and at her baptism she was given the name Rebecca. Her Indian name was Matoaka; but the English always called her POCAHONTAS.

The plantation where Thomas Rolfe took his bride was first at Jamestown, and then near Henricus. At Varino, a boy, baptized Thomas, was born to POCAHONTAS, and the family lived there until Rolfe took them to England in the summer of 1616. POCAHONTAS died March 1617, after taking passage with a ship for America, while the ship was at Gravesend, just below London. Her remains were carried ashore and buried in the yard of the little church there. Her son was placed with Sir Lewis Stenkley, of Plymouth. Later he was taken by his uncle, Henry Rolfe, who educated the boy, and after he had received his education he returned to America and became a prominent man in Virginia, where the family has since been prominent, and has married into other prominent old families of the colony.

THOMAS ROLFE Jr., the son of POCAHONTAS, was born 1615, and married Jane Poythress. They had one child, a daughter JANE, who died in 1676. JANE ROLFE married Colonel Robert Bolling, and to them was born one son, JOHN BOLLING, ——— 1676, who died 1726.

Colonel JOHN BOLLING, of Cobbs, who was born 1676, married Mary Kennon. They had six children, and one of the six was Major JOHN BOLLING, born 1700, who died 1757. He married 1728, ELIZABETH BLAIR, a daughter of Dr. ARCHIBALD BLAIR, being a niece of Dr. JAMES BLAIR, founder of the College of William and Mary. ELIZABETH BLAIR was born 1710, died April 29, 1775, and married August 1, 1728, Col. John Bolling, Jr., who was born ——— 1700. ELIZABETH married secondly in 1760-62, Colonel Richard Bland, of Jordans.—See Blair Magazine, Vol. 1, No. 6. pages 96, 97.—Contributed by Mrs. John B. BLAIR.

W. EDWIN BLAIR, of Philadelphia, Pa., was elected President of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Association at the Eighth Annual Meeting of that body in Allentown, Pa., on October 12, 1928, during an exceptionally hotly contested session.

VITAL RECORDS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

"A people which takes no pride in the achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."—Lord Macauley.

RUTLAND MARRIAGES

BLAIR, BETTY and Joel Boies, of Blandford, Oct. 24, 1781.
 BLAIR, ARTEMIS, and Sallie Estebrook of Paxton, int. Nov. 18, 1815.
 BLAIR, DOROTHY, of Weston, and Malcom Henry of Oakham, int. Oct. 9, 1762.
 BLAIR, ELIZABETH, of Western, and John Moor, Jr., int. July 2, 1774.
 BLAIR, HUGH, and Jane Mchannan, of Cheerlymount, int. Nov. 7, 1772.
 BLAIR, ISBEL (Isabel in int.) and Patrick Watson of Palmer, June 23, 1768.
 BLAIR, JAMES (Jr. in int.) and Martha Young of Worcester, Nov. 24, 1778 in Worcester.
 BLAIR, JOHN, and Ann Bothwell, int. Nov. 22, 1760.
 BLAIR, JOHN, and Eunice Harrington of Holden, Nov. 30, 1700, in Holden.
 BLAIR, MARY, and Samuel McClenathan of Palmer, Nov. 2, 1769.
 BLAIR, POLLY, Hubbardstown, and Ephraim Church, int., Oct. 18, 1781.

RUTLAND BIRTHS; RUTLAND DEATHS.

No. BLAIRS.

WORCESTER COUNTY HISTORY, Vol. II.

"Rutland" was originally "Naquag." Original proprietors of Rutland were (inter alia) WILLIAM BLAIR and WM. BLAIR. 62 House-lots, p. 266, Among the Alarm Men of 1775 was JAMES BLAIR.

AIDS FOR SEARCHERS

"Instructed by the antiquarian times, He must, he is, he cannot but be wise."—Selected.

SCOTTISH GENEALOGICAL RECORDS.—These are kept in the General Register House, Edinburgh. M. Livingstone published a guide to them in 1905.

BURIAL REGISTERS.—Greyfriars in Edinburgh begins in 1658, and is still in use; and many others are equally old. Greyfriars Register, up to 1700, has been printed by the Scottish Record Society.

WILLS.—Copies of wills are lodged in the Commissariat Department, with Commissariats of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Argyll, Brechin Caithness, Dumfries, Dunblane, Perth, Dunkeld, Glasgow, Hamilton and Campsie, Inverness, The Isles, Kirkcudbright, Lanark, Lauder, Moray, Orkney and Shetland, Peebles, Ross, St. Andrews, Stirling, and Wigtown. At Edinburgh is the earliest, commencing 1514. The Scottish Record Society has had records printed.

PARISH REGISTERS.—These consist of Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, beginning in 1553 for the baptisms in the Parish of Errol, Perthshire. As the registries were not compulsory, many portions were lost by their ministerial keepers. They are usually very disappointing to the searcher. In 1854 they were collected and lodged in the Register House. In 1855 registration was made compulsory. In 1872 a Detailed List of the Old Parochial Registers of Scotland was printed, giving the dates of all the Registers, and noting the imperfections.

RETOURS.—When a person succeeded to property that person was required to prove his right to succeed. This record contains the name of the heir; that of whom the person succeeded, with the relationship and description of the property involved. An Index has been printed covering the period from 1545 to 1859.

RECORDS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.—These are most valuable to the genealogist. They begin in 1545 and run to 1707, and have probably been printed by now, as preparations had been made for it some time since.

RECORD OF THE GREAT SEAL.—This begins 1306, is probably now printed, and contains the Charters and Grants of Land from the Crown.

CLERGY.—Hew Scott's "*Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ*" gives the succession of ministers in the parish churches of Scotland from the Reformation, 1560-1866, with names of wives and children.

UNIVERSITY RECORDS.—St. Andrews, 1411; Glasgow, 1450; Aberdeen, 1494; Edinburgh, 1582.

BURGESS ROLLS.—Only Burgesses, or Freemen, had a right to follow any handicraft or trade in the burghs; on being admitted were required to pay certain fees, and if the applicant's father, wife's father, or his master were burgesses, the fees were reduced. These facts are all stated in the Burgess Roll. They relate to the principal towns.

"FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE FAMILY OF BLAIR," by A. T. Mitchell, 4 to., 1895, and

"THE BLAIR FAMILY OF NEW ENGLAND," by Miss Emily Leavitt, David Clapp & Son, 1900, are two Blair books of interest to Blair Genealogists; likewise **"MY BLAIR ANCESTRY AND KINDRED,"** by Albert Blair, St. Louis, 1926, pa., pp.42.

THE BLAIR FAMILY seems first to have definitely appeared, or become established, about 1200 in Ayrshire, Perthshire, Renfrewshire and Wigtonshire; and was of reputed Anglo-Norman origin.—The Scotch-Irish, by Chas. A. Hanna, vol. 2. p. 423. The COCHRANES in Renfrewshire and Ayrshire before 1300; earldom of Dundonald; lordship of Cochrane.—Ibid. The BOYDS in Ayrshire before 1200; earldoms of Arran and Kilmarnock (forfeited).—Ibid. The CALDWELLS in Renfrewshire and Ayrshire about 1300.—Ibid. Other families are listed in that work as follows:—CAMERON, Inverness and Argyshire before 1300, barony of Lochiel; CAMBELL, Argyshire, Perthshire, Banffshire, etc., before 1300, dukedom of Argyre; marquises of Lorne and Kintyre; earldoms of Athol, Breadalbane, Caithness, Campbell, Cowal, Irwin, Isla and Loudon; viscounties of Lochow, Glenisla, Glenorchy, and Taymouth; lordships of Arrois, Benedoraloch, Denoon, Inverary, Lundie, Mauchlane, Morvern, Mull Ormlie, Oronsay, Paintland, Tyrie, and Wick. Of reputed Anglo-Norman origin. CARLYLE, Dumfriesshire before 1200; lordship of Carlyle. CLARK, Perthshire, Argyshire, Fifeshire, Edinburghshire, etc., before 1300. GALBRAITH, Dumbartonshire and Stirlingshire before 1250. PEDEN, Ayrshire about 1600. WALLACE Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, etc., before 1150; of reputed Norman origin, probably Celtic.—Ibid.

The Ragman Roll.—Two BLAIRS had the distinction of having their names attached to that celebrated, and important state paper known as the "Ragman Roll." Anglo-Norman society, in the thirteenth century, indulged in a game they called "Ragman" or "King Ragman." A number of characters, good, bad and indifferent, were previously written in couplets consecutively on a sheet of parchment. To each such character was attached a string with a piece of wax or metal attached to its tip. The sheet was then rolled up, the strings dangling from the end of the roll with the waxed ends protruding, and was called the Ragman Roll. The players in turn drew characters by pulling a string, and during the evening enacted the character so drawn.

When the English King, Edward I, received the fealty of the Scottish Nobles at Berwick, in 1291, the king's Norman scribes wrote down their names in French on sheets, and the seals of such as had them were attached to the sheet by small strips of parchment. The greater number of names were secured to these rolls when Edward made his way through Scotland in 1296, when the nobles eagerly met him for the privilege of doing homage. When these rolls were made up they so much resembled the old rolls used in the play that they were first called Ragman Rolls in good-humored banter; but the name proving so apt, has remained as a significant

designation ever since. From the "Index Nominum, A. D. 1296," we find amongst many other names the following:—"DAVID de BLARE, Perthshire;" and HUWE of the BLARE, Ayrshire."

A VALUABLE BLAIR WIFE

"Choose your wife on Saturday, and not on Sunday."—Old Scotch Proverb.

In 1917 a news story was copyrighted by The Star Company which relates that one, Edmund D. Barbour, a rich citizen of Boston, Mass., had a beautiful daughter, yclept MARY, who chanced to fall in love with FRANK P. BLAIR, a resident of Chicago, Ill. It also transpired that her father, desiring to emulate a pioneer example set by Mr. John Hull when he dowered his only daughter, Hannah, with her weight in silver shillings, viz 125 pounds troy, upon her marriage with Justice Samuel Sewall on February 28, 1677, revived the poetic custom of Mr. Hull's gift by dowering his own daughter Mary with her own weight, 132 pounds, in gold coins valued at the sum of \$32,558.14.

Now, as the lady was weighed by avoirdupois and the cash by troy; and the story does not account for clothing, either necessary or surplus, we submit the problem to our patient readers to learn whether the lady, the father, or the groom, got the best of the bargain. It is said the money, in double-eagles of gold, would make a stack thirteen and one-half feet in height; and laid on the floor in the form of a rug would be exactly four feet square.

At any rate in due course of time the wedded pair came to a state of living apart, and later they came into the Superior Court of Illinois upon an action by the lady for the recovery from her spouse of the amount of the dowry, with interest, etc., on the plea that it was received from the lady by her husband as a trust fund; and since their divorce that she was entitled to have it returned.

We therefore submit to our readers the moot problem as to whether she was legally entitled to its return under the statement of facts; also whether the four foot square rug of golden double eagles truly included the stated amount or not. We suggest that the most practical method of proving the latter problem is to place the golden pieces on your parlor rug and verify the fact.

BLAIR CASTLE, DALRY, AYR, SCOTLAND

"A Castle built when men knew how to ouild upon a rock."—Selected.

"Timothy Pont, who surveyed Ayrshire in the sixteenth century, described BLAIR as 'ane ancient castell and strong dounain;" and well might the old topographer so describe it, for it had stood there for more than five hundred years before his day. The house is regarded as one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the inhabited baronial mansions in Scotland. The structure is entirely unique in the county of Ayr, and there are few genealogies that will match that of its laird, Colonel FREDERICK GORDON BLAIR, C. B., for the family he represents is descended from WILLIAM DE BLAIR, who flourished in the reign of William the Lion, and who was father of WILLIAM BLAIR of that ilk, who, in a charter of Alexander III. to the Abbey of Dunfermline, about 1260, is designated as WILHELMUS DE BLAIR dominus eodem, whose son and successor was the most famous Sir BRYCE BLAIR, the friend and co-patriot of Sir William Wallace. Like many of his ancestors, the present proprietor has served his country in peace and war. He has represented his native parish in the County Council of Ayrshire since its formation. He took a distinguished part in the South African War as a commander of the 4th Batt. Imperial Yeomanry, subsequently was appointed

to the staff, and commanded the mounted troops of the 8th Division under General Sir Leslie Rundle, was mentioned in dispatches, and received the order of C. B. As showing the massive character of this old house, it may be mentioned that during the structural alterations a passage thirty feet long and four feet wide was cut through the central wall. The upper right view of the Castle is taken from the east side. The upper left picture shows the addition made in recent years.

In the policies (which are open to the public so long as the privilege is not abused) are many charming spots. In the Dusk Glen, above Waterside Lodge, is the famous Cleaves Cove, which has attracted antiquarians and geologists from far and near. The main entrance on the western side is situated below a vast overhanging rock thirty feet long by twenty-seven in breadth, the brow of which is covered by mountain ash, hazel, and two large plane trees, which give it a picturesque appearance. Its interior resembles gothic arched work, and near the middle expands into a spacious chamber. The popular belief, long ago, peopled it with elves, hence it came to be called Elf-house. During the Covenanting times it afforded a hiding-place from the violence of the persecutors. Mr. John Smith, of Monkredding, the well-known geologist, regards it as one of the most interesting places in the parish, from an antiquarian point of view."—Dalry & District, Arthur Guthrie & Sons, Ardrossan.

"Dalry, in times past and in a large measure still, owes its importance and prosperity to the iron and coal industries, and it is appropriate that a view of the dwellings of the hardy toilers beneath the surface should appear in our collection. What do we not owe the miner? who

"Down 'mid the tangled roots of things

That coil about the central fire,

I seek for that which giveth wings

To stoop, not soar, to my desire."

"The row of houses" (a picture shown in the booklet) "is the property of William Baird & Company, Limited, and is situated on the left hand side of the road from Dalry to Blair. It is inhabited by 37 families and is typical of numerous rows of miners' dwellings to be seen on the outskirts of the town.



Blair Castle, Dalry, Scotland

"In the neighborhood are the Whinney Knowes o'Blair, dear to the heart of the Dalry school-boy of 40 years ago, and referred to in the old song, entitled "Lang, Lang Syne."

"Oh what famous fun was there wae oor games at hound and hare,
When we played the truant frae the school, because it was the Fair,
And we ran frae Biggart's Mill ower the whinny knowes o'Blair,
And were licked for oor pains in the mornin'." —Ibid.

The same booklet mentions that in the public hall of Dalry (in Aitken Street), and which is in much demand for balls, concerts, and other public meetings, are finely executed portraits in oil of the late Captain Blair, R. N., and the late Dr. Gibson, a well-known practitioner in Dalry of the last century. That there is also an excellent portrait of the donor of the public park Mr. JOHN BLAIR, W. S., Edinburgh.

"Visitors to Dalry on their way from the railway station to the town, must, if they have an eye for scenery, be struck with the singular beauty of the view from Garnock bridge. Looking down the river, on the left are the Manse and Glebe. Along the verge of the river are planted at regular intervals twelve fine lime trees which have grown to a great size, and are locally known as the "Twelve Apostles." On the right of the picture are the sloping gardens attached to dwellings in New Street and Garnock Street, while in the center we have the Garnock flowing silently along, the whole forming a picture as beautiful as it is unexpected." —Ibid.

The Dalry Parish Church is seated for 1100 persons, and cost over 6,000 pounds, and has a very fine organ. The old burying-ground surrounds the building, but has been closed against burials since the opening of the new cemetery. It is said that the original Parish Church of Dalry stood (1606) on a site a good bit to the south-east of the present one, probably near Kilcush; and the burying-ground of that period was not far from the large blaes bing behind Kirkland House.

Some interesting points about the Dalry District are the new railway station on the Glasgow & South Western Railway; the White Hart Brae in New Street with its old weaving shops (of silk), the Cross which was formerly used as the farmers' market place, and by the ancient fair of St. Margaret's when it was crowded with shows and stands and all the life and bustle of the Scottish Fairs of bygone days; the Biggart Fountain upon which is inscribed "Drinking Water neither makes a man sick or in debt, nor his wife a widow;" the Linn Craigs, the Reddance Brae; the Lynn Spout on the Caaf Water near the mansion house of Lynn; some ruins of the ancient Tower of Linn, in early times the residence of that family which is the neighborhood where lived Bessie Dunlop, whose trial for witchcraft is recorded in Pitcairn's publication, and who was one of the earliest (1576) and most remarkable of the Scottish witches, and who was sentenced to be "brynt," and Willie Mackie, whose narrative of the Ward witches has been widely read, lived up this glen at "Bretcha;" farther up the Caaf Water and above the Falls is a great boulder like a pulpit known as "Pinnioch Point," "Peden's Pulpit" etc.; the Hyndog Glen, "Carswell's" or "Fisher-man's Brig" all spots along the Rye, which stream is averred to have been the situs for Burns' ballad "'Comin' thro' the Rye;" Braehead; the Public Park which was the gift of Mr. JOHN BLAIR, W. S. Edinburgh, a native of Dalry.

BLAIR WILLS

"——Now thou standest in faded majesty, as if to mourn The dissolution of an ancient race!"—Selected.

Will of JOHN BLAIR, of Jonesborough, Washington County, Tennessee, father of the Loudon, Loudon County, Tennessee, BLAIR line. Furnished by Rev. J. H. B. Hall, D. D., a Gr. Gr. Grandson.

"Jonesborough, Washington Co., Tennessee.

"In the name of God. Amen.

"I, JOHN BLAIR of the County of Washington in the State of Tennessee, find-

ing myself in a weak state of body but being sound in mind and memory, and, calling to mind that it is appointed unto all men once to die, I do make and ordain, constitute and appoint the following, and none else, to be my last will and testament:

"That is to say formally and first of all—

"I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God who gave it, nothing doubting but that I shall again receive the same at the last day by the Almighty power of God.

"I recommend my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner—at the discretion of my executors.

"As to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I do devise, order and dispose of in the manner and form following; that is to say:

"First of all, I do allow all my lawful debts to be paid out of my estate.

"After such payment is made, "I allow my beloved wife, Hannah Blair, to have all my household furniture, such as beds, covering, all kinds of drapery, wares, etc., and that she have the same at her disposal during her natural life, at the end of which she may dispose of them at her pleasure; and also that she have one horse, called "Buck," and her choice of two cows now on the place.

"That the two girls, POLLY and RACHEL BLAIR, shall have out of my estate as much as will make them equal to those that are married and gone—that is to say to that they got when they went away.

"After the above reservations are made, it is my will that the whole of the balance of my estate be exposed to public sale so as to ascertain the value of the whole amount of the estate, and the money is to be equally divided into six equal parts, and—

"That my son, HUGH BLAIR, and my son THOMAS BLAIR, have one equal part divided between them—one-half each;

"That my son SAMUEL BLAIR, have one full part to himself;

"That my son, JOHN BLAIR, have one and one-half equal parts to himself;

"That my grandson, JOSIAH BLAIR, have one-half of an equal part;

"That the fifth part be equally divided among my five daughters; and

"That the remaining whole part shall be given to my said wife, Hannah Blair.

"The above-mentioned sale of said estate is to take place at the discretion of my executors.

"From the time that Mr. Nelson's time is out with the mill, until such sale shall take place, JOSIAH BLAIR is to take the mill into possession and have one-third of what he makes by her, and the other two-thirds to the support of the family, provided my son, JOHN BLAIR, have his grinding free of toll during the time, on condition that he assist to keep the mill in order.

"In testimony, that this and no other is my last will and testament, and that I do hereby revoke and disallow all former wills and testaments that I might have heretofore made and subscribed, and hereby constitute and ordain this, and this only to be my last will and testament.

"Witness, my hand and seal, this the twenty-first day of November, eighteen hundred and nineteen.

"Codicil.—"I do hereby constitute and appoint William Carmichael, my son-in-law, my son—JOHN BLAIR and my wife, Hannah Blair, to be my sole executors of this my last will and testament. "JOHN BLAIR."

"Signed, sealed and ratified in the presence of us—John Strain, Joseph Nelson, John Robinson.

REMARKS on above:

This JOHN BLAIR was sometimes called "JOHN BLAIR, Miller," because he owned and operated a mill or mills on Big Limestone Creek in Washington County, Tennessee. He is so-called in some deeds on record in Jonesborough. Later these mills were known as "Strain's Mills."

The children of this JOHN BLAIR were these:

By first wife, nee Jane Gamble: THOMAS, HUGH, ("Lame Hugh"), WILLIAM, JAMES, JOHN, SAMUEL, JANE ("Jean"), and MARY DAWSON BLAIR:

By second wife, nee Hannah Caruthers: MARY ("Polly"), RACHEL, MARTHA ("Patsy"), and ELIZABETH ("Betsy").

The will names all these except WILLIAM and JAMES and MARY DAWSON. This was because the first two had already received their portions, while MARY DAWSON had died in childhood. The "five daughters" included the daughters of both families.

JOSIAH BLAIR, the grandson named in the will, was the son of THOMAS BLAIR, son of JOHN BLAIR'S first family, and was reared by his grandfather, and always went by the name of "Sire" or "Siar" BLAIR.

At the time this will was made all members of the first family, except THOMAS and JOHN, were located and living at the present Loudon, Loudon County, Tennessee—then known as "BLAIR'S FERRY," and it bore this name until the "E. TENN.-Va.-Ga. R. R." came, in 1851, when the name was changed. The first train that ever crossed the Tennessee River at Loudon did so on March 17, 1855. Harry Couson was the engineer.

All the children of the second family married, lived and died in the section of country near their childhood home. MARY, the oldest, wed William Carmichael, named as one of the executors of the will.

VITAL STATISTICS

"Genealogy is the great unit of history, the line of demarcation between barbarism and civilization. The earliest writers of the human race began history with it; and Moses, the Great Law-giver of the Jews, recorded it with marvelous accuracy."—H. F. Andrews.

DEATHS

FRANK L. BLAIR, aged 72, on Dec. 2, 1927, at Conway, Faulkner County, Arkansas. He was born in 1855 in Carroll County, Tennessee, the son of JOHN WASHINGTON BLAIR (1826-1906) and Safronia Bingham, his wife; grandson of WILLIAM BLAIR and Margaret MacCauley, his wife, of Charlotte, North Carolina; great-grandson of JAMES BLAIR, who, with his brothers WILLIAM and JOHN (said to have settled in Virginia), came from the north of Ireland and settled in North Carolina. When two years of age he removed with his parents to Faulkner County, Arkansas; there he married Virginia Dare Condray, who, with their eight children, survive him.—From H. A. BLAIR, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

IDA MAY JORDAN, wife of FRANK O. BLAIR, and daughter of George Jordan, aged 59, on Dec. 23, 1927, at No. 1602 West Sixteenth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. BLAIR is the son of JOHN WATSON BLAIR and Virginia (Cooper) BLAIR, and grandson of JAMES HARVEY BLAIR, 1824-1907, and his first wife Fredonia Wilkins; great-grandson of WILLIAM BLAIR and Margaret (McCauley) BLAIR, great-great-grandson of JAMES BLAIR, Immigrant, who came from the North of Ireland, and settled in the region of Charlotte, North Carolina. Several children survive among them DANIEL WAYNE, IRENE and FRANK BLAIR, Jr.—From H. A. BLAIR, Box 941 Little Rock, Arkansas.

MARRIAGES

JAMES FRANKLIN BLAIR and Miss Mildred Goolick on June 26, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was born Oct. 30, 1900 in Cincinnati, is the son of JERE-

MAIAH SEED BLAIR (b. April 10, 1866) and Caroline A. Mueller (born March 11, 1874, married June 26, 1895, died March 23, 1911); grandson of JEREMIAH SEED BLAIR (born Dec. 25, 1810, married Aug. 13, 1861, died July 22, 1884, buried at Lexington, Indiana) and Sarah Cunningham (born —); is great-grandson of ISAAC BLAIR (born about 1787, married about 1808, died about 1822 in Ballynanny, Parish of Clanduff, County Antrim, Ireland) and Catherine Seed (born about 1785, died about 1840 in Ballynanny, Ireland). Known brothers of ISAAC BLAIR were WILLIAM BLAIR, FRANK BLAIR, and THOMAS BLAIR. No sisters known. We are sorry we cannot give the home address of this newly married couple, but extend our hearty good wishes to them at Cincinnati.

Thomas Harrison Reed and Mrs. Florence (Nash) McGraw, on Monday, Aug. 13, 1928, at Erie, Pa. They are at home at No. 624 West Twenty-third Street, Erie, Pa. He is the eldest son of Dr. George Arthur Reed, one of our Life Members, and Mabel Annette Love; a grandson of John Grubb Reed (born Sept. 27, 1838, married March 15, 1864, died Nov. 7, 1923 near Erie, Pa.) and Miss CANDACE ELIZA BLAIR (born Jan. 1, 1840, died May 9, 1901 near Erie, Pa.); a great-grandson of JOHN WALLACE BLAIR (born Feb. 15, 1807, married July 4, 1831, died Jan. 12, 1879, at Girard, Pa.) and Miss Candace Strong (born May 7, 1809, died Jan. 28, 1887 at Girard, Pa.); and a great-great-grandson of JAMES BLAIR (pioneer into Erie County, Pa., born — 1773, married Dec. 27, 1803, died March 29, 1855 at Girard, Pa.) and Miss Mary Wallace (born March 1, 1780 in Washington County, Pa., died June 9, 1873 at Girard, Pa.). Our hearty felicitations are extended to these newly-weds.

JOHN WALLACE BLAIR and Miss Barbara Werdel, on July 7, 1928, in St. James Church, in Kansas City, Mo. He is the son of JOHN SILVERTHORN BLAIR of Hutchinson, Kansas, formerly of Girard, Pa., and Mary Nason, formerly of Erie, Co., Pa., and is a grandson of JOSIAH WALLACE BLAIR (born at Girard, Pa., July 7, 1832, married . . . and died March 7, 1864 at Girard, Pa.) and Emeline Silverthorn, also of Girard, and is a great grandson of JOHN WALLACE BLAIR (1807-1879) and Candace Strong (1809-1887), and a great-great-grandson of JAMES BLAIR (1773-1855) and Mary Wallace (1780-1873). The groom served in the U. S. Marines during the World War, and is in the advertising department of the Kansas City Star. Miss Werdel is from Olwein, Iowa, is a daughter of Mrs. Magdalena Werdel. We wish them both a lifetime of happy achievement.

Miss CAROLYN BLAIR, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ALGERNON BLAIR, of Montgomery, Alabama, on Wednesday evening, October 3, 1928 at 6:30 in the Church of the Ascension at Montgomery, Alabama, to Mr. Charles Franklin Voltz.

Mr. ALGERNON BLAIR is a brother of our Life Member, Mr. ALEXANDER BLAIR of Macon, Georgia. Miss BLAIR is therefore a grand-daughter of ALEXANDER BLAIR (born Sept. 11, 1834 on the Atlantic Ocean, died Oct. 17, 1894, married Jan. 7, 1859) and of Hannah Farnell (born Sept. 25, 1831 in Yorkshire, England, died April 26, 1911, in Montgomery, Alabama, buried in Macon, Ga.) and is a great grand-daughter of ALEXANDER BLAIR (born — died — 1834 in Canada, married — and Elizabeth Carson (born Feb. 22, 1800 in Ireland, died May 23, 1878 in Brooklyn, N. Y.) We hope soon to have a more complete record of this family. We can assure Mr. and Mrs. Voltz of the warmest wishes for their future happiness.

ROBERT DONNELL BLAIR, on Saturday evening, June 23, 1928, at eight o'clock, to Miss Roberta M. Lonnecker at the manse of the Pastor, Dr. Arthur B. Miller, First Presbyterian Church, Coffeyville, Kansas. Mrs. Blair is a daughter of Mrs. Laura Ashley Hitchings Lonnecker of Wichita, Kansas. The attendants were Miss Mary Elizabeth Mercer of Coffeyville; Mr. John F. Layng, Jr., of Round Bay, Maryland. Mr. BLAIR is one of our very active members and the young couple will make their future home at 206 West 4th Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. The well wishes of the whole BLAIR family and their connections, and especially of the members of the Society go out to them, whole heartedly.

QUERIES AND REPLIES

" 'Twould tell of things so old, 'that history's pages contain no records of its early ages.' "—Anon.

47.—Miss NANCY BLAIR, probably of New Jersey, "ran away" with Nathaniel Scudder, and was married against the paternal wishes, was practically disinherited, and they emigrated to the Nashville Settlements, Tennessee, in 1783. She was the great-grandmother of our member Dr. W. H. Scudder, who wishes information concerning the ancestry of Nancy and her husband. It is believed Nathaniel Scudder, also his father, served in the Revolutionary War.—Dr. W. H. Scudder.

48.—There were two BLAIRS who gave their lives in the defense of the Alamo, at San Antonio, Texas. A number of the families who lost relatives or people of their name have placed small brass plates in memoriam in The Alamo. If this would meet the approval of the Society, I will obtain the names of these BLAIRS and forward them to you so that the proper action may be taken upon this matter; after which I will obtain permission to place the plate in The Alamo. Will the Society do this, or should the BLAIR lines to which these men were related be solicited for the expense, and perhaps have it done under the sponsorship of the Society?—Dr John Vance Blair, No. 58.

49.—DAVID BLAIR married Elizabeth Beeson, who was a daughter of Hon. Jacob Beeson, of Parkersburg, W. Va., (born Oct. 15, 1774, died Sept. 13, 1823, married ——— 1797 Elizabeth Smalley, of Newark, N. J.) Can any one inform us of the descendants of this DAVID BLAIR and Elizabeth Beeson?—J. Luther Beeson.

50.—What tradition have you about an ancestor having served in the Commander-in-Chief's Guard? Many seem to have such a tradition in their family, and but few BLAIRS served in it. Maybe if we can assemble all these traditions it will simplify our ancestral searches.—Mrs. E. B. Wall.

JUST OURSELVES

"My soul, revolving periods past, looks back, with recollected interest on all the former darings of our venturous race"—Anon.

- 1.—JOHN ELMER REED, Charter Life Member, (See Vol. 1, No. 4, page 62.)
- 2.—CLARIL BLAIR BLAIR, Charter Life Member, (See Vol. 1, No. 6, page 103-4.)
- 3.—EFFEMEY BLAIR WALL, Charter Member, b. Jan. 13, 1867 in Raleigh, Tenn., m. June 28, 1900 to Edward Delemaine Wall; issue—1 child d. at birth.

Dau. of JOHN BLAIR b. Apr 28, 1834 in Carrollton, Carroll Co., Ohio; d. March 26, 1925 in Carthage, Mo., m. Nov. 10, 1859 in Muncie, Indiana. to Mary J. Pittenger; she b. Oct. 6, 1841 in Delaware Co., Indiana, and d. March 20, 1910 in Carthage, Mo.

Gr. Dau. of JAMES BLAIR b. Nov. 19 (21st?) 1799 near Guinston, York Co., Pa., d. June 16, 1868 in Logan Co., Ohio, m. June 5, 1823 to Miss Nancy Wallace, she b. May 16, 1803 in Washington or Beaver Co., Pa., and d. March 30, 1835 in Carrollton, Ohio.

G. Gr. D. of ROBERT BLAIR b. 1768, d. 1824 in Beaver Co., Ohio, m. 1795 or 1796 in York Co., Pa. to Miss Jean Allison; she b. 1770 in York Co., Pa., and d. 1850 in Columbiana Co., Ohio.

G. G. Gr. D. of WILLIAM BLAIR (possibly it was ROBERT BLAIR), b. in Pa., d. 1776, m. 1773? in York Co., Pa.

NOTE: Guinston Records state JAMES BLAIR'S birth as Nov 21, 1799, the Bible record gives it as Nov. 19, 1799. Lancaster Co. Pa. marriages are given as: WILLIAM BLAIR and Mary Hanna married March 18, 1761. May refer to above William.

4.—MAURICE REUBEN BLAIR, Charter Life Member, (See Vol. 1, No. 5, page 86).

5.—ELSTON ALFRED BLAIR, Charter Life Member, (See Vol. 1, No. 6, pages 103-4). B. April 15, 1905, in Texas, Henry Co., Ohio

Son of JOHN BURTRAM BLAIR, b. Sept. 28, 1872 in Texas, Henry Co., O., died Nov. 8, 1925 at Mantua, Ohio, m. June 3, 1902 Miss Claril Blair; she b. Nov. 8, 1876 in Lyon Co., Ky., and is the Treasurer of Blair Society for Genealogical Research;

Gr. s. of ALFRED HARRISON BLAIR b. Jan. 17, 1825 in Mantua, O., d. Mar. 8, 1889 in Texas, Henry Co., O., m. 2d April 30, 1863 in Adrian, Mich., Miss Jane Silvernall, she b. Jan. 17, 1832 in Greene Co., N. Y., d. Oct. 8, 1899 in Texas, Henry Co., O

Gr. G. S. of ALFRED BLAIR b. Oct. 25, 1797 in Blandford, Mass., d. Aug. 14, 1835, in Mantua, O., m. March 27, 1824 in ——— Ohio to Miss Julia Miller; she b. Jan. 21, 1792 in Dummerston, Conn., d. Feb. 27, 1882 in Texas, Henry Co., O.

Gr. G. G. S. of JOHN BLAIR b. Feb. 29, 1760 in Blandford, Mass., d. Jan. 7, 1851 in Mantua, O., m. 2d May 1, 1796, Miss Pattie Smith; she b. Oct. 13, 1778, d. Apr. 28, 1890 in Mantua, Portage Co., O.

Gr. G. G. S. of JACOB BLAIR b. Apr. 13, 1735 in Hopkinton, Mass., d. Nov. 18, 1815 in Blandford, Mass., m. before 1763 to Miss Martha Gilmore; she b. Nov. 1, 1734 in Derry, N. H., d. July 5, 1808 in Blandford; Mass.

Gr. G. G. G. S. of MATTHEW BLAIR b. about 1704, d. Sept. 28, 1770, age 66, m. in Hopkinton, Mass., 1727, Miss Mary Hamilton, she b. ——— d. Feb. 21, 1754 at Blandford, Mass.

Gr. G. G. G. G. S. of ROBERT BLAIR b. 1683, d. Oct. 14, 1774 in Worcester, Mass., m. Isabella Rankin; she b. 1683, d. Feb. 10, 1765.

For Maternal ancestry see next genealogy.

6.—OWEN ELMER BLAIR, Charter Life Member, (see Vol. 1, No. 6, page 103-4). B. Apr. 18, 1906 in Mantua, Ohio

S. of JOHN BURTRAM BLAIR (see preceding genealogy for paternal line)

S. of CLARIL A. BLAIR b. Nov. 8, 1876 in Lyon Co. Ky., m. June 3, 1902 to JOHN BURTRAM BLAIR (see No. 5 above for line).

Gr. S. of JOSEPH B. BLAIR b. Sept. 6, 1818 in Russellville, Ky., d. July 13, 1878 in Springfield, Ill., m. 2d April 11, 1861 in Lyon Co. Ky., Miss Nina Irene Richards; she b. Jan. 27, 1839, at Pittsburgh, Pa., d. May 21, 1917 at Warren, Ohio.

Gr. G. S. of JOSEPH BLAIR b. in Pennsylvania, d. Apr. 14, 1860 at Russellville, Logan Co. Ky., m. March 21, 1813 at Russellville, Logan Co. Ky., to Miss Dorcas McKoin; she b. Feb. 7, 1793 in N. C., d. Aug. 28, 1875 at Russellville, Logan Co., Ky.

Gr. G. G. S. of DAVID BLAIR b. Aug. 8, 1745, d. Sept. ——— 1806 in Ohio, m. Miss Jane Warford; she b. ———, d. ——— after 1818.

7.—FRANCIS GRANT BLAIR, Charter Member, b. Oct. 30, 1864 in Nashville, Ill., m. June 16, 1898 to Miss Lillian Cayton; she b. ——— at ———

Son of WILLIAM BLAIR b. ——— 1820 in Missouri, d. 1899 in Ill., m. 1844 to Mary Crane; she b. 1828 in Tenn., d. 1905 in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Gr. S. of FRANCIS BLAIR b. 1800 in Northern Georgia, d. 1860? in Ill., m. Fanny Massey in Missouri; she b. in Virginia.

Gr. G. S. of JAMES (or John) BLAIR who was probably of the "Twelve Tribes of Blair of North Carolina."